



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Partner City Agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, the capital of the State of Tennessee, and the City of Kamakura, Kanagawa, Japan.

WHEREAS, the international Sister Cities initiative, established during President Eisenhower's 1956 White House Conference on Citizen Diplomacy, seeks to foster friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through person-to-person diplomacy and the celebration of cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with this vision, the citizens of Nashville, Tennessee, and Kamakura, Japan, have committed to working together to cultivate mutual understanding and ensuring a future peace and freedom through the creation of global friendships; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Nashville's growing importance to the presence of Japanese businesses in our region, the Japanese government relocated the consulate from New Orleans to Nashville in 2008; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of the first Consul General of Japan in Nashville, the Honorable Hiroshi Sato, was to establish a sister city relationship between Japan and Nashville to foster cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2014, several cultural and business leadership exchanges took place between Nashville and Kamakura, the hometown of Consul General Sato; and

WHEREAS, Kamakura became Nashville's eighth sister city in September 2014 at a signing ceremony in Kamakura between Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville and Takashi Matsuo, Mayor of Kamakura, attended by Nashville and Kamakura leaders; and

WHEREAS, since Nashville and Kamakura city partnership was formulated, numerous reciprocal exchanges occurred in music, culture, the arts, government, and education, thereby enhancing mutual respect and understanding between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, through the Metropolitan Council, officially recognizes and supports this ongoing partnership, with the aspiration that it will continue to strengthen and foster lasting friendships between the citizens of Nashville and Kamakura, while encouraging cooperation across various sectors, including music, culture, the arts, education, and governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the 10th anniversary of Partner City Agreement between Nashville and Kamakura, Japan signed on September 20, 2014, by Karl Dean, Mayor of Nashville and Takashi Matsuo, Mayor of Kamakura.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Takashi Matsuo, Mayor of Kamakura, Japan, the Honorable Karl Dean, and the Honorable Hiroshi Sato, supporting the deep friendship between two cities.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.